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Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund

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Her Honour, The Honourable Dr. Lynda M. Haverstock
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan
Government House
4607 Dewdney Avenue
Regina, Saskatchewan
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Dear Madam:

Letter of Transmittal

I have the honour to transmit herewith the eleventh Annual Report of the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund for the year ending December 31, 2001.

I have the honour to be, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

Eric Cline
Minister of Finance

Saskatchewan
Public Employees
Benefits Agency

The Honourable Eric Cline
Minister of Finance
Regina, Saskatchewan

Sir:

Letter of Transmittal

On behalf of the Public Employees Benefits Agency, I have the honour to transmit herewith the eleventh Annual Report of the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund for the year ending December 31, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Smith
Executive Director

INTRODUCTION

The Public Employees Group Life Insurance Plan was established on April 1, 1958.

The Plan provides comprehensive life insurance coverage to employees of Executive Government, several Crown Corporations and various Agencies, Boards and Commissions as approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Spouses and dependent children are also provided coverage under the Plan.

As at December 31, 2001 there were approximately 31,818 insured employees representing the following participating employer groups:

Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan
Anti-Tuberculosis League Employees Superannuation Plan (Superannuates)
Battlefords District Health Board - Battlefords Regional Care Centre
Board of Arbitration under *The Surface Rights Acquisition and Compensation Act* (The)
Board of the Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts
Cafeteria Board of Saskatchewan
Canadian Labour Congress Local 481 (Saskatchewan Government Employees Union, Union Office employees)
Children's Advocate
Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan
Farm Land Security Board
Horned Cattle Fund
Information and Privacy Commissioner
Judges of the Provincial Court
Judges of the Provincial Court Superannuation Plan (superannuates)
Legislative Assembly (Members of the)
Legislative Assembly Office (Employees of the)
Legislative Library (Employees of the)
Liquor and Gaming Authority
Liquor Board Superannuation Plan (Superannuates)
Meewasin Valley Authority
Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Plan (superannuates)
Milk Control Board
National Print It Centre
NDP Caucus Office
North Central District Health Board – Parkland Regional Care Centre
Office of the Children's Advocate
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
Office of the Leader of the Opposition
Office of the Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk (Employees of the)
Office of the Ombudsman
Office of the Provincial Auditor
Ombudsman
Power Corporation Superannuation Plan (superannuates) (The)
Power Greenhouses Inc.
Prairie Diagnostic Services
Provincial Auditor
Public Employees Pension Plan (Pensioners)
Public Service of Saskatchewan as defined by *The Public Service Act, 1998*
Public Service Superannuation Plan (superannuates)
Regina District Health Board - Regina General Hospital
Saskatchewan Archives Board
Saskatchewan Arts Board
Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency
Saskatchewan Cancer Agency
Saskatchewan Communications Network Corporation
Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation
Saskatchewan Government Insurance
Saskatchewan Health Information Network
Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission
Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology
Saskatchewan Land Information Services Corporation
Saskatchewan Municipal Board
Saskatchewan Party Caucus
Saskatchewan Power Corporation
Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation
Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation
Saskatchewan Telecommunications Superannuation Plan (superannuates)
SaskEnergy Incorporated
Sask Pork
SGI Canada Insurance Services Limited
South Central District Health Board - Souris Valley Regional Care Centre
South Saskatchewan River Irrigation District #1
St. Louis Alcoholism Rehabilitation Centre
Swift Current District Health Board - Palliser Regional Care Centre
Tourism Authority
TransGas Limited

Wakamow Valley Authority
Wanuskewin Heritage Park Corporation
Wascana Centre Authority
Western Development Museums
Weyerhaeuser
Workers' Compensation Board (The)
Workers' Compensation Board Superannuation Plan (The) (superannuates)

OPERATION OF THE PLAN

Administration

The Public Employees Group Life Insurance Plan is underwritten on a cost-plus basis and is managed by the Public Employees Benefits Agency, Saskatchewan Finance.

The Co-operators Life Insurance Company under Group Policy G.1100 (Life) provides claims adjudication and benefit payment services to the Plan.

Investment Management Services

The Minister of Finance is authorized to invest money of the Group Life Insurance Fund in any securities authorized for investment under the "Investment Policy Guidelines".

The Co-operators Investment Counselling Limited invests the monies of the Fund under a contract to provide services. The Fund pays management fees to the Co-operators Investment Counselling Limited.

Funding

Funding for the Plan is comprised of employee and employer paid insurance premiums based on salary and the age, gender and smoker status of the employee.

Premiums/Claims Experience

	Dec. 31, 2001	Dec. 31, 2000
Premiums	$9,653,153	$9,272,369
Claims	$8,534,452	$7,678,092
# Claims		
- Employee	70	105
- Dependent	40	77

MANAGEMENT'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

As members of management of the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund, we are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the following financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

The significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are fully and fairly disclosed in the financial statements.

The report of a valuation actuary on the provision for life insurance benefits of the Fund, made in accordance with accepted actuarial practices and using assumptions adopted by management, has been used in the preparation of the financial statements.

We believe the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund has a system of internal control adequate to provide reasonable assurance that the accounts are faithfully and properly kept to permit the preparation of accurate financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

We enclose the financial statements of the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund for the year ended December 31, 2001 and the Provincial Auditor's report on these financial statements.

Brian Smith
Executive Director
Public Employees Benefits Agency

Perry Bahr
Director, Benefit Programs
Public Employees Benefits Agency

Regina, Saskatchewan
February 21, 2002

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FUND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund as at December 31, 2001 and the statements of operations and net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended. The Fund's management is responsible for preparing these financial statements for Treasury Board's approval. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2001 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Regina, Saskatchewan
February 21, 2002

Fred Wendel, CMA, CA
Acting Provincial Auditor

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

STATEMENT 1

AS AT DECEMBER 31

	2001	2000
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash	$ 92,836	$ 81,202
Accounts receivable (Note 8)	590,281	533,369
Receivable from Co-operators Life Insurance Company (Note 8)	1,018,449	208,584
	1,701,566	823,155
Due from Co-operators Life Insurance Company	47,401,690	44,885,257
Total assets	$49,103,256	$45,708,412
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable (Note 8)	$ 239,667	$ 159,883
Claims payable (Note 8)	1,660,316	793,399
	1,899,983	953,282
Payable to SaskPower (Note 4)	309,012	299,857
Provision for life insurance benefits (Note 3)	26,222,300	23,623,800
Total Liabilities	28,431,295	24,876,939
NET ASSETS (Statement 2)	20,671,961	20,831,473
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	$49,103,256	$45,708,412

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FUND
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS

STATEMENT 2

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

	2001		2000
	Budget (Note 9)	Actual	Actual
REVENUE			
Premiums	$ 9,470,000	$ 9,653,153	$ 9,272,369
Investment income	5,000,000	2,073,321	4,944,876
	14,470,000	11,726,474	14,217,245
EXPENSE			
Claims	8,290,000	8,534,452	7,678,092
Change in provision for life insurance benefits	-	2,598,500	1,738,900
Administration (Note 5)	209,648	144,439	140,839
Premium taxes	280,000	286,044	206,106
Adjudication fees	204,000	203,084	176, 511
Management fees (Note 6)	120,000	119,467	97,649
	9,103,648	11,885,986	10,038,097
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	5,366,352	(159,512)	4,179,148
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	20,831,473	20,831,473	16,652,325
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR - Statement 1	$26,197,825	$20,671,961	$20,831,473

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FUND **STATEMENT 3**
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

	2001	2000
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Premiums received	$ 8,857,547	$ 9,864,330
Claims paid	(7,667,535)	(7,576,798)
Administration expenses paid	(140,216)	(137,757)
Premium taxes paid	(274,910)	(205,383)
Adjudication fees paid	(200,673)	(176,323)
Management fees paid	(119,467)	(97,650)
	454,746	1,670,419
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of investments	2,073,321	4,944,876
Purchase of investments	(2,516,433)	(6,614,889)
	(443,112)	(1,670,013)
Net increase in cash	11,634	406
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	81,202	80,796
CASH, END OF YEAR	$ 92,836	$ 81,202

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2001

1. Description of Fund

The Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund (PEGIF) is a special purpose fund used to account for the premiums, claims, investment and certain administrative transactions of the Group Life Insurance Plan (Plan). The Plan continues under subsection 64(2) of *The Financial Administration Act, 1993*.

This Plan is managed by the Public Employees Benefits Agency (PEBA) and provides comprehensive life insurance coverage to certain members of the public service of the Province of Saskatchewan and other Saskatchewan Crown agencies, whose participation in the Plan has been approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The Plan provides life insurance coverage for a specific period without a medical examination. The coverage is renewed automatically every year to a maximum age of sixty-five. At retirement, retirement death benefit certificates having values up to $10,000 are given to employees. The cost of providing these certificates to retiring employees is included in the provision for life insurance benefits. An election can be made by the member to continue insurance coverage from sixty-five to seventy-five years old at a higher premium rate. The Plan insurance coverage does not include accumulation of cash values. The Plan is administered under the terms of an agreement with The Co-operators Life Insurance Company.

Claims are adjudicated and processed for payment by the Co-operators Life Insurance Company.

Employees and employers pay premiums monthly. Premiums are paid by the employers on the first $20,000 to $25,000 of coverage. Employees pay for the remainder of their coverage at a rate of $0.25 to $0.27 per month per $1,000 coverage.

Premiums for life insurance are waived for employees who become disabled. The cost of providing life insurance coverage (benefit) due to waiver of premiums is included in the provision for life insurance benefits.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The following accounting policies are considered significant.

a) Premium revenue

Premiums are recognized when due.

b) Due from Co-operators Life Insurance Company (Co-operators)

According to the agreement between PEBA and Co-operators, Co-operators has established a segregated fund for the investment of PEGIF's monies. The PEGIF's units in the fund represents a debt due by Co-operators. This debt is represented by the segregated fund.

The segregated fund is valued at market and any increase/decrease in the value of the segregated fund is accounted for in the statement of operations and net assets as investment income.

Fair value of the segregated fund approximates its market value.

c) Provision for life insurance benefits

Group Life policies are considered yearly termed life policies that are automatically renewed every year. Under such life policies, claims are recorded in the year of the claim. The provision for life insurance benefits represents the present value of future payments arising from benefits for disabled employees whose premiums have been waived and includes an estimated amount for claims incurred but not yet reported. The provision also includes the present value of the retirement death benefit certificates for those employees who retired prior to year end. The provision for life insurance benefits is determined pursuant to an actuarial valuation. Any resulting change in the liability pursuant to the valuation is recognized as a revenue or expense item in that year's operations.

d) Claims expense

Claims expense includes future payments arising from life claims received during the year and life claims received after the year for fatalities that occurred during the year.

e) Cash

Cash consists of balances with the bank.

3. Provision for Life Insurance Benefits

An actuarial valuation was performed by Aon Consulting Inc. as at December 31, 2001 and as at December 31, 2000 to value the liability of making future payments to disabled employees whose premiums have been waived (waived premiums) prior to year end and the retirement death benefit certificates (retirement certificates) for those employees who retired prior to year end.

The actuarial valuation of future benefits as at December 31 and the principal components of the change in actuarial valuation during the year, were as follows:

	2001		2000	
	Waived Premiums	Retirement Certificates	Waived Premiums	Retirement Certificates
Actuarial valuation, beginning of year	$16,308,500	$7,315,300	$15,433,800	$6,451,100
Interest accrued on benefits	1,019,300	434,300	964,600	385,100
Experience (gain) loss	(3,046,700)	8,100	(2,796,100)	32,000
New claims	6,292,300	553,500	4,922,200	704,000
Expected benefit payments	(2,364,000)	(298,300)	(2,216,000)	(256,900)
Actuarial valuation, end of year	$18,209,400	$8,012,900	$16,308,500	$7,315,300

The liability as at December 31, 2001 is $26,222,300 (2000 - $23,623,800). The liability includes $8,012,900 (2000 - $7,315,300) for retirement death benefit certificates and $18,209,400 (2000 - $16,308,500) for life coverage for those disabled employees whose premiums have been waived.

The valuation is based on the following assumptions: 1) the life waiver valuation is based on the 1970 Group Life Waiver Valuation Table for recovery and 150% of the 1993 Canada Pension Disabled Life Mortality Experience Table for death rates; 2) the interest rate assumed is 6.25%; 3)

the mortality rates of existing retirees are based on the Canadian Life 1990-92 tables; 4) a maximum 3% consumer price indexing of future benefit payments to disabled members whose life insurance premiums have been waived; 5) the inflation rate assumed is 3.00% for all future years (2000 – 3.25% for all future years).

If the valuation assumed no cost of living allowance indexing of disability benefits each year, the liability at December 31, 2001 would be $23,267,800 (2000 - $20,943,600).

The liability for future payments to disabled employees whose premiums have been waived prior to year end and the retirement death benefit certificates for those employees who retired prior to year end are based on a number of assumptions about future events including: recovery and mortality rates and interest rates. The actual experience may vary significantly from the assumptions used.

The following illustrates the effect of changes in the interest rate and mortality on the retirement death benefit certificate liability:

- a 1% change in the interest rate equals a 14.1% change in the liability including the cost of living adjustment
- a 10% change of the Group Life Insurance mortality equals a 3.9% change in the liability

The following illustrates the effect of changes in the interest rate, cost of living adjustment and mortality on group life waivers:

- a 1% change in the interest rate equals a 6.2% change in the liability including the cost of living adjustment
- a change in the cost of living adjustment of 1% equals a 5.8% change in the liability
- a change of waiver mortality by 10% equals a 6.6% change in the liability

The provision for life insurance benefits is long term in nature. Management has no intention of settling its obligation in the near term. Therefore it is not practical to determine the fair value of the provision for life insurance benefits.

4. Payable to SaskPower

Effective January 1, 1991, PEGIF began issuing a $3,000 paid up life insurance policy (Retirement Death Benefit Certificate) to retired employees of this plan. The value was increased to $5,000 effective April 1, 1993 for those individuals retiring on or after this date.

SaskPower, SaskEnergy, SGI, Sask Property Management Corp. and the public service in conjunction with CUPE 600 provide a $10,000 paid up life insurance policy to their employees. Additional premiums are submitted for this enhanced benefit.

The paid up certificate remains in force and has no cash value until the employee's death, at which time the face value is payable to the designated beneficiary.

The liability for the paid up policies is included in the provision for life insurance benefits liability shown in the statement of financial position, with the exception of the enhanced portion of the paid up policy of SaskPower. PEGIF has an agreement with SaskPower transferring the liability to the corporation effective 1998. PEGIF continues to collect premiums and pay claims on the corporation's behalf. Accordingly, a payable to SaskPower exists as the current activity to date has premiums exceeding claims.

5. Administration Expenses

The Public Employees Benefits Agency Revolving Fund administers the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund for a mutually agreed upon fee. Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund pays the annual administration expenses to the Public Employees Benefits Agency Revolving Fund on agreed upon dates.

6. Management Fees

The Minister of Finance is authorized to invest money of the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund in any securities authorized for investment under the "Investment Policy Guidelines".

The Co-operators Investment Counselling Limited invests the monies of the Fund under a contract to provide services. The Fund pays management fees to the Co-operators Investment Counselling Limited.

7. Investment Performance

The Fund's investments are represented by the amounts due from Co-operators Life Insurance Company (see note 2).

The following is a summary of the Fund's investment performance:

	2001	Four year annualized return
Fund (a)	4.6%	7.0%
Benchmark (b)	0.7%	6.3%

(a) The annual returns are before deducting investment expenses.

(b) The benchmark return is the Fund's target rate of return for its segregated fund. The benchmark return is calculated using actual returns and the Fund's planned investment portfolio for its segregated fund.

8. Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial assets and financial liabilities.

For the financial instruments including:

(a) receivables
(b) accounts payable, and
(c) claims payable

the carrying value approximates the fair value due to their immediate or short-term maturity. The Fund is exposed to minimal credit risk from the potential non-payment of accounts receivable as these receivables are from government agencies and were collected shortly after year end.

9. Budget

PEBA prepares and approves the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund's budget. PEBA included the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund's budget in PEBA's budget submission to Treasury Board.

10. Related Party Transactions

Included in these financial statements are transactions with various Saskatchewan Crown corporations, departments, agencies, boards and commissions related to the Fund by virtue of common control by the Government of Saskatchewan and non-Crown corporations and enterprises subject to joint control and significant influence by the Government of Saskatchewan collectively referred to as "related parties". These transactions are recorded at agreed upon exchange amounts.

Due to the nature of the Fund, all premiums have been received from related parties.

At year end, the accounts receivable and accounts payable are due to/from related parties.

Other transactions with related parties and amounts due to/from them are described separately in the financial statements and notes thereto.